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SUBJ: PRESIDENT PARK'S POSITION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

REF: (A) SEOUL 3160, (B) SEOUL 3365

1. AS MY CONVERSATIONS WITH FORMER MINISTER KIM  
CHONG-PIL AND FORMER AMBASSADOR TO US HAM PYONG-CHUN  
UNDERSCORE, BULK OF ADVISORS AROUND PARK ARE APPARENTLY  
CONVINCED OF NEED TO MAKE CONCESSIONS ON HUMAN RIGHTS  
ISSUE WITH TIMING AND MANNER THE ONLY QUESTIONS. LAST  
EVENING AT STATE DINNER FOR GUATEMALAN VICE PRESIDENT  
THIS JUDGMENT WAS FURTHER REINFORCED BY CONVERSATIONS WITH  
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TWO SENIOR COLITICAL ADVISORS TO PARK. BOTH WERE CONCERNED ABOUT  
US VIEWS AND URGED "PATIENCE" ON OUR PART AND HOPE THAT OPPOS-  
ITION DISSIDENTS WOULD RELAX THEIR PRESSURES GIVING PARK ROOM  
TO MOVE, WITHOUT EVEN PERFUNCTORY EFFORT TO JUSTIFY CURRENT LEVEL  
OF CONTROL AS THEY HAD IN THE PAST.

2. PRESIDENT PARK REMAINS ALMOST ISOLATED AS THE PRINCIPAL

HOLDOUT BUT IN THIS AREA THE DECISIONS REST WITH HIM ALONE, OBVIOUSLY. EVEN KCIA DIRECTOR KIM, FOR EXAMPLE, AT OUR REQUEST SOUGHT AND RECOMMENDED VISIT BY OUTSIDE PHYSICIAN ON KIM DAE JUNG BUT WAS TURNED DOWN APPARENTLY BY PARK.

3. AS I SUGGESTED IN REF B, IT IS NOW TIMELY TO ESCALATE THE PRESSURES ON PARK. ONE STEP I HAVE ALREADY INITIATED IS TO IMPRESS UPON THOSE CLOSE TO HIM THE NEED FOR THEM TO APPROACH PARK DIRECTLY AND URGENTLY, IF PUBLIC PRESSURE TO BE AVOIDED. THIS TACTIC I WILL CONTINUE WITH OTHERS WHO SEEM PREPARED TO CARRY THE FREIGHT.

4. IN ADDITION I ASSUME THAT THE SAME MESSAGE WILL BE IMPARTED TO NEWLY ARRIVED AMBASSADOR KIM YONG-SIK WHOM I BRIEFED FULLY ON OUR PROBLEMS WITH RESPECT TO HUMAN RIGHTS AND TO PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR KIM KYONG-WON WHO WILL BE IN WASHINGTON THIS WEEK SEEING SENIOR OFFICIALS. FROM MY CONVERSATIONS WITH LATTER PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE, I AM CONVINCED KIM WILL, WHILE PROVIDING RATIONALE FOR ROKG ACTION, SEEK AND HOPEFULLY REPORT BACK ACCURATE READING ON US ATTITUDES AND PARTICULARLY CONSEQUENCES OF FAILURE OF KOREAN GOVERNMENT TO MOVE IN VERY NEAR FUTURE ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND RELEASE OF KIM DAE JUNG.

5. FINALLY AT PRESENT JUNCTURE, I RECOMMEND THAT TROOP WITHDRAWAL TALKS BE INITIATED BY VERY SENIOR SPECIAL EMISSARY WHO IS POSSIBLE HAS HAD PAST PERSONAL CONTACTS WITH PARK. I SUGGEST THAT EMISSARY BE IN A POSITION TO REVIEW BREADTH OF US RELATIONSHIP WITH ROKG AND THAT PARK BE SO ADVISED PRIVATELY  
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AT LEAST SEVERAL WEEKS IN ADVANCE OF ANNOUNCEMENT. PARK WILL NOT LOSE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS MOVE IN TERMS OF HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE OR PROBABILITY THAT ANNOUNCEMENT WILL STIMULATE SPECULATION ON US INTENTION TO ELEVATE PRESSURES ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE. BY DELAYING ANNOUNCEMENT WE WILL AFFORD HIM FURTHER OPPORTUNITY TO ACT BEFORE OUR PRESSURE BECOMES MUCH MORE OVERT. I SUGGEST THAT VISIT OF SPECIAL EMISSARY BE SET AS DEADLINE FOR US/ PUBLIC STATEMENT ON KOREAN HUMAN RIGHTS. I WOULD PROPOSE ADDITIONALLY TO MAKE COTERIE OF WELL-DISPOSED ADVISORS TO PRESIDENT PARK AWARE OF OUR PLANS TO SEND SPECIAL EMISSARY, SUGGESTING TO THEM THAT EARLY ACTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS COULD AVERT PUBLIC PRESSURES FLOWING FROM ANNOUNCEMENT OF EMISSARY.  
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